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## Residences at Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort award first electric car



Just plug it in!

One of the perks recently planned for purchasers of condominiums at The Residences at Divi Links was to award them their own car; Divi management decided what better



Frans and Alex Nieuwmeyer start it up

way to show their concern for the future and environment than to make them the first fully electric cars to take to the Aruban roads?

Sales Director John Kelly reports the campaign is very successful, and GM of Divi

charge, compared to the cost of equivalent use with a gasoline powered vehicle.

When opening what appears to be the access to the fuel tank, owners find a power plug; outlets have been installed in each condominiums

## Landmark blood drive at AAA will become a regular event



Lions club volunteers with AAA CEO Peter Steinmetz and Director of Project Mario Bikker

The medical center at the Reina Beatrix International Airport was busy yesterday, as local Lions Club volunteers collaborated with technicians from the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital and officials of the Aruba Airport Authority to conduct the facility's first blood donor drive among employees from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

The Lions Club of Aruba initiated community blood drives since their inception over 60 years ago, and was instrumental in establishing the island's blood bank. They regularly arrange donor days with various companies which would send them over to the blood bank at the hospital to make their contribution.

Volunteers explained that

in recent years, they have established a program of bringing a team onto the premises of companies with a relatively large staff, such as SETAR NV, Aruba's national telecommunications company, and yesterday, the airport, to allow the employees to donate blood without having to leave their place of work.

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Properties on Aruba, Alex Nieuwmeyer, was proud to present the keys to the first recipient of one of the eco-friendly autos, Frans de Haas, at The Links Clubhouse Terrace yesterday afternoon.

A fleet of ten autos have already arrived, specially designed and manufactured in China. The cars can attain a speed of 79 km per hour, and on a full battery have a range of 120 km, which is more than sufficient for a small island like Aruba. Divi tested the car and found it used only 17% in electrical expense to fully

parking area so they can charge the car overnight.

Frans, whose father purchased at Divi Residences, was quite pleased to accept the new car on behalf of his dad, and expects to have great fun testing it out over the coming week. Pedestrians be warned! Best make sure you are looking to see if this bright green and white car is approaching, as the electric engine is absolutely silent, so there is tremendous reduction of noise pollution, as well!

By Rosalie Klein



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## Maid to testify against IMF chief in sex case

NEW YORK, (AFP) - The maid who accused IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn of sexual assault has testified against him Wednesday, rejecting any notion that she willingly had sex in a New York hotel, her lawyer said.

"There is nothing consensual about what took place in that hotel room," lawyer Jeff Shapiro told NBC television.

The 32-year-old woman, a single mother originally from Guinea, alleges Strauss-Kahn groped and mauled her in his suite in the Sofitel hotel in New York, and forcibly tried to have oral sex with her.

One of the world's most powerful men, Strauss-Kahn has denied seven counts of alleged sexual assault and attempted rape, as well as unlawful imprisonment.

But he was refused bail on Monday and is under suicide watch in New York City's notorious Rikers Island jail

awaiting his next hearing on Friday.

The IMF boss and veteran French politician is the most high-profile prisoner they have ever housed in the gritty complex, Norman Seabrook, president of the correction officers union, told AFP.

The IMF boss has had to trade his sharp suits for a grey jumpsuit specially designed to minimize risks, and has to wear slip-on shoes with no laces.

And when Strauss-Kahn heads to court on Friday to hear if a grand jury has ruled whether there is enough evidence to indict him, he will be placed under extraordinarily tight security.

Strauss-Kahn's lawyers insist he did not try to flee the country as alleged, and that after he left his hotel suite he went out to lunch, suggesting he was not trying to flee a crime scene.

## Queen expresses sympathy for victims of Anglo-Irish troubles



The queen wore a white dress and a tiara for the state banquet

DUBLIN, Ireland (AFP) - Queen Elizabeth II extended her "deep sympathy" to all those who suffered in the turbulent, intertwined history of Britain and Ireland, in the keynote speech Wednesday of her historic state visit here.

The first British monarch to visit the Republic since it won its independence from London in 1922 said the two countries were now "firm friends and equal partners" at a state banquet at Dublin Castle, the former seat of British colonial power.

The queen said that though Britain and Ireland now had shared economic and cultural links and had worked hard to achieve a peace settlement in British-ruled Northern Ireland, it was "impossible to ignore the weight of history".

Following a series of visits to highly sensitive Irish sites, her remarks are likely to be interpreted as a giant step towards healing old divisions, while the fact they were made in Dublin by a British sovereign will be seen as groundbreaking.

"It is a sad and regrettable reality that through history our islands have experienced

more than their fair share of heartache, turbulence and loss," the 85-year-old monarch said.

As the queen is not a political figure, it was not within her role to deliver an apology, but Prime Minister David Cameron has already said sorry on behalf of the government for the Bloody Sunday killings in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, in 1972.

The monarch earned a round of applause for starting her address in Irish Gaelic, saying "A Uachtarán agus a chairde" ("President and friends").

She ended her remarks by saying good neighbours should always be close.

In her remarks, Irish President Mary McAleese said the visit -- the first by a British sovereign in 100 years -- was "a culmination of the success of the peace process".

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## China never intends to challenge US: top general



Chen Bingde

WASHINGTON (AFP) - China "never intends to challenge the US" and welcomes its role maintaining peace in the Asia-Pacific region, People's Liberation Army Chief of General Staff Chen Bingde told US military officers Wednesday.

While the Chinese military has improved considerably in the past years, there is still a large gap between them and US military might, Chen told officers at the National Defense University in Washington.

China "never intends to challenge the US," Chen told the officers, speaking through an interpreter.

China "welcomes a constructive US role in maintaining and promoting peace stability and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region," he said.

Chen earlier invited his counterpart, US Joint Chiefs chairman Admiral Mike Mullen, to visit China. "I hope he visits China as soon as possible," Chen said.

## Astronauts inspect damaged tiles on shuttle:

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - Astronauts are examining several heat shield tiles that appear to have been damaged during the shuttle Endeavour's ascent into orbit, but NASA said there was no cause for concern.

Graphics depicting several chipped tiles on the underside of the orbiter were broadcast during a routine press conference at the end of Day 3 of the shuttle mission, with three tiles highlighted in yellow as of particular interest to NASA, Cain said.

Astronauts were able to capture high resolution photos of the shuttle's exterior when it approached the International Space Station earlier Wednesday, doing a nine-minute, 360-degree flip before docking at the orbiting lab. The crew is equipped with kits to repair damaged tiles if needed. Shuttle managers would know more about what steps, if any, should be taken in the coming days, Cain said. The shuttle Columbia disintegrated in 2003 during its fiery re-entry toward Earth after its heat shield was damaged by a piece of foam that broke off the external fuel tank during launch, weakening the shuttle's protective cover.

NASA has taken particular care to closely examine the shuttle's heat shield after liftoff ever since.

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## Aruba on the "black list" is a thing of the past



Minister de Meza

ORANJESTAD -- The rapid intervention of the Mike Eman government with respect to the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) will ensure that Aruba will never be among those nations considered to be corrupt who have no rules regarding financial transactions and the fight against terrorism.

Last Friday the Aruba Parliament deliberated on the newly proposed law dealing with combating terrorism and money laundering. There is a deadline to comply with, in order to avoid being placed on the black list with its devastating consequences for our economy. From the very inception of this new government, work was begun on the creation of the necessary laws recommended by the FATF to avoid being labeled an island

without laws in this particular area.

In October 2009 it was discovered that there were as many as 49 FATF recommendations which included 16 special recommendations that Aruba was not complying with. The law to be ratified in Parliament this Friday is a very important law. On May 20th Aruba has to report to FATF on the status of this law and on June 20th during an important meeting of the TAFT organization in Mexico Aruba is expected to present a clarification of our report.

This means that Aruba must be ready with this law before May 20th and put it into effect before June 20th.

Deliberations on this law have sparked much debate in Parliament because of the fact that the interest of the

local market as well as the general international interest must be kept in focus. However, last Friday's deliberations were very productive and satisfactory, according to Minister of Finance, Mike de Meza. He is hopeful that there will be a unanimous acceptance of this law by all parties.

In the creation of this particular law, the College of Lawyers and Tax advisors, who had serious concerns about certain aspects of this law, were consulted. Some of their suggestions were incorporated into the Modification and Amendment Notes.

According to de Meza, in 2009 Aruba received a very poor rating. The delay in complying with the TAFT conditions has cost us considerable money. We had to work with urgency to find experts from Europe for the necessary expertise to create this law.

Not acting rapidly and implementing different local Ministerial directives to finally reach this stage of having said law, Aruba would have been placed on the "No Compliance" list, otherwise known as the "Black List." This would have been devastating for Aruba's economy. Countries would have ceased their economic activity with Aruba. Our tourism sector would have suffered as well as the refinery.

## Changes in the LTU (Admissions and Expulsion laws) are at The General Advice Counsel

ORANJESTAD -- In advance of the recently introduced law regarding Admissions and Expulsions (LTU), the government has already begun adapting their policies in anticipation of the new law to be implemented shortly, most probably this year yet.

During an extensive press conference, accompanied by several executives, Minister of Infrastructure, Integration and Environment, Benny Sevinger presented ample information regarding the new management structure and the new policies to be effected at the DIMAS.

The government has been working on the changes in the LTU for the past year. These changes have been compiled and are now at the General Advice Counsel for their review and input, which will later be sent to Parliament for approval. In anticipation of the new laws, Minister Sevinger explained that one of the big changes is the Swiss Model, which will be eliminated from our laws. Other changes have to do with Dutch Kingdom citizens.

There will be less stringent procedures in the application process for permits for Kingdom citizens. Permits for Dutch citizens, as well as for all other foreign citizens, must



Minister Sevinger

be channeled through the Department of Labor. The only difference for Dutch citizens is that only their first permit will be evaluated. The moment that this permit requires an extension, there will be no need for further evaluation.

If a Dutch citizen can prove that he has a 3-year contract with the same company, he may be granted a permit for the amount of years of the contract and/or for up to five years.

The proposed law, once it returns from the General Advice Counsel, will be sent to Parliament. Here, it is subject to a possible amendment, if Parliament vows for this. It is hoped that it can be ready for implementation before the end of this year.

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## Bids soar for princess's "toilet seat" wedding hat

LONDON, England – The much-mocked hat worn by Princess Beatrice to Britain's royal wedding last month -- widely described as looking like a "toilet seat" -- is up for sale on eBay where bids have reached 18,400 pounds (\$29,940).

The tea rose, silk hat was

"the most talked about hat of the whole occasion" Harold Tilman, Chairman of the British Fashion Council, said on eBay.

Money raised by the sale of the hat will be equally split between two charities: UNICEF and Children in Crisis

## Happy Birthday Adam



MagicMan Adam Steinfeld celebrated his birthday on stage, with his lovely magic dancers. See, MAGIC Comedy LIVE!® ...nightly, 9 p.m., at the Westin Resort & Casino, tickets at the door. Additional show info; [www.WestinAruba.com/Magic](http://www.WestinAruba.com/Magic) Left to right Shandy, Perlita, Adam Steinfeld, Julieta.

Photo by: Walid Zeiden

## Cas Animal cont'd-OP ED

**"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated"- Mahatma Gandhi**

Followers of THE MORNING NEWS are aware we began telling our stories of animal activist Kiki Arndt and her Aruban foundation, Cas Animal, several months ago; Kiki reports they are helping in her efforts to see stray dogs and cats adopted and towards garnering donations for them to be neutered, housed and fed.

The paper was partly prompted to begin this series by a letter to the editor from a tourist, castigating islanders and the government for their treatment of unwanted animals, as quite a few are euthanized by an official agency, annually. Kiki's life is dedicated to raising funds to build a proper no-kill facility that will house up to 200 dogs plus cats and other animals; presently she has 72 dogs and 10 puppies she feeds and cares for in her home, along with 38 cats at a friend's. She has been awarded the land from the government to do so.

A story that made headlines in March spotlights the fact that euthanizing stray animals is not a particularly Aruban practice, as the "puppy from Ohio who would not die", demonstrates.

"Scott Prall arrived at the local animal shelter at the end of his shift Feb. 18, where he found six or seven malnourished puppies. His supervisor instructed him to kill the dogs because the local shelter was overcrowded. There were 22 dogs in a facility with only 12 cages. Prall injected each puppy, along with two larger abandoned dogs, with two supposedly lethal doses of a sedative. The first was given in the foreleg and the other was injected into the heart, meant to ensure the dogs' deaths."

Most U.S. cities and towns have an official agency to collect stray animals, which euthanizes them almost immediately, Aruba does not, and so more strays will be seen on our streets. There is a place where islanders can leave unwanted animals, connect to the Wayaca Animal Shelter, whose volunteers will care for the dogs and cats that are healthy and encourage people to adopt; their facility is also extremely limited.

Animal Rights Aruba has programs to educate the population regarding humane treatment of all animals, as well as the importance of neutering their pets to stop the cycle of



Kiki and her animal ambulance

unwanted dogs and cats. It is an ongoing process, and we salute all those that dedicate their time to this important work. Few have allowed it to completely take over their lives, as Kiki has, but her dedication, and some might say fanaticism, has filled an important void that sincerely needed attention. Her personal sacrifice is a message to us all that we can at least give a fraction of our time and effort to this cause, as it reflects on all islanders as a nation. She is the person many resorts call to see to the stray animals that have made a home on their premises, and as we have detailed here, and they have instigated adoption programs among their staff.

Since coming to live on Aruba over 14 years ago, Kiki has been retrieving dogs and cats off the streets and nursing them back to health, while psychologically rehabilitating them to their naturally affectionate and devoted dispositions. They are living proof that a little kindness goes a long way. If you wish to assist with a donation for neutering or medical care to rescue a sick or injured dog, call 565-2130 or 742-8732. She has several for adoption, and it is not unusual for vacationers to return to their homes with one of our very appealing "cunucu dogs." Just such a story was featured in the February 2011 edition of "Dog Fancy" magazine. Transporting them to the U.S. or Europe is simple and she will walk you through the process.



Kiki and one of her rescued dogs

Our point here is that we suggest before sending nasty letters to Aruban authorities and newspapers threatening to never to return to the island, visitors check and see how stray animals are treated in their home town; they might be very unpleasantly surprised. If it breaks your heart, don't just knock off a quick e-mail, but make an authentic effort--adopt a dog, give a donation, join and follow the Cas Animal Foundation Facebook page, and show you really care in some tangible way.

It costs an astronomical amount of money to feed all the dogs Kiki maintains, as well as her Animal Ambulance to transport sick or injured dogs to the vet's office, not only her own, but as a free service when their owners are unable to do so. Contributions can be made through CMB Bank account # 25762110 under the name of Fundacion Cas Animal.

by Rosalie Klein



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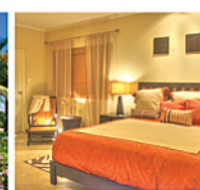
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## Landmark blood drive ...

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Those among the company staff who are regular donors were able to give blood on the spot; first timers are first tested and screened for infectious diseases, and then the technical team will return for their donation. Both hospital executives and Lions Club members expressed extreme satisfaction with the response from airport employees, with nearly 100 containers of

blood expected to be collected by the end of the day. AAA plans to schedule donation days 3 times a year from now on.

Awaiting donors after giving blood was a healthy, reenergizing snack courtesy of Lions Club members, allowing them to continue to be productive through the day.

by Rosalie Klein

## Mrs. Wiennie van Gooten celebrates the beautiful age of 100



**Mr. Croes of ATA (L) presenting Mrs. Wiennie (C) with her plaque flanked by Mr. Syad Rayman di Roraima Travel of Toronto Canada**

Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) joined in the special celebration for Mrs. Wiennie van Gooten, who celebrated her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Van Gooten hails from Guyana and has many years residing on the island. Mrs. Winnie lives in Lago Heights.

Family members from Aruba joined by those who came all the way from Canada, USA and England for this big celebration organized a beautiful party for her; it is also the first time that one of the family members becomes a centenarian.

Mr. Syad Rayman, ACE Expert for Roraima Travel, Toronto, Canada together with ATA associate Ricardo Croes coordinated the beautiful ceremony and presented Mrs. Van Gooten with the honor of Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba.



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## Sci-Tech

### Microsoft: one in 14 downloads is malicious

The next time a website says to download new software to view a movie or fix a problem, think twice. There's a pretty good chance that the program is malicious.

In fact, about one out of every 14 programs downloaded by Windows users turns out to be malicious, Microsoft said this week. And even though Microsoft has a feature in its Internet Explorer browser designed to steer users away from unknown and potentially untrustworthy software, about 5 percent of users ignore the warnings and download malicious Trojan horse programs anyway.

Browsers have become more secure, and software

makers can quickly and automatically push out patches when there's a known problem.

So increasingly, instead of hacking the browsers themselves, the bad guys try to hack the people using them. It's called social engineering, and it's a big problem these days. "The attackers have figured out that it's not that hard to get users to download Trojans," said Alex Stamos, a founding partner with Isec Partners, a security consultancy that's often called in to clean up the mess after companies have been hacked.

Social engineering is how the Koobface virus spreads on Facebook. Users get a message from a friend telling them to go and view a video. When

they click on the link, they're then told that they need to download some sort of video playing software in order to watch. That software is actually a malicious program.

Social-engineering hackers also try to infect victims by hacking into Web pages and popping up fake antivirus warnings designed to look like messages from the operating system. Download these and you're infected. The criminals also use spam to send Trojans, and they will trick search engines into linking to malicious websites that look like they have interesting stories or video about hot news such as the royal wedding or the death of Osama bin Laden.

### Exploding melons sow new China food fears

BEIJING (AFP) — A bizarre wave of exploding watermelons -- possibly due to farmers' abuse of a growth-boosting chemical -- has once again spotlighted safety fears plaguing China's poorly regulated food sector.

State media has said nearly 50 hectares (120 acres) of watermelon crops in the

eastern city of Danyang have been ruined by the phenomenon this month after some growers doused them with the growth accelerator forchlorfenuron.

"On May 7, I came out and counted 80 (exploded watermelons), but by the afternoon it was 100," farmer Liu Mingsuo told state broad-

caster China Central Television (CCTV) in a report that aired Tuesday.

He said he had sprayed them with the chemical just a day before.

The use of forchlorfenuron is legal in China. In the United States, the chemical is registered for use on grapes and kiwi fruit.

### Japanese electric car 'goes 300km' on single charge



Japan's auto venture SIM-DRIVE's prototype model of the electric vehicle SIM-LEI, which is expecting to go on sale in 2013, is unveiled in Tokyo. (AFP photo)

TOKYO (AFP) — Japanese developers have unveiled an electric car they said Wednesday can travel more than 300 kilometres before its battery runs flat.

Electric vehicle specialist SIM-Drive, which hopes to take the car to market by 2013 but gave no projected cost, said its four-seater "SIM-LEI" had motors inside each wheel and a super-light frame, allowing for 333 kilometres (207 miles) of motoring on one charge in a test.

Its designers say they hope the prototype, a joint project among 34 organisations in-

cluding Mitsubishi Motors and engineering firm IHI, will be sold to car manufacturers for mass production.

Automakers such as Nissan, which launched its all-electric Leaf last year with a 160-kilometre range, are gambling that electric cars with zero tailpipe emissions will catch on and, some time in the future, start to drive traditional petrol-guzzlers off the road.

Electric cars still face key hurdles such as costly batteries and the lack of conveniently-located recharging points, which limits their operating radius.



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### Dengue fever



Dengue (DENG-gay) fever is a disease — ranging from mild to severe — caused by four related viruses spread by a particular species of mosquito. No specific treatment for dengue fever exists, and most people recover. But if you have a severe form of the disease, you need hospital care.

Millions of cases of dengue infection occur worldwide each year. Most often, dengue fever occurs in urban areas of tropical and subtropical regions.

#### Symptoms

Signs and symptoms of dengue fever vary, depending on the form and severity of the disease.

#### Dengue fever

With the mild form of the disease, you may experience some or all of these signs and symptoms:

- \*High fever, up to 105 F (40.6 C)

- \*A rash over most of your body, which may subside after a couple of days and then reappear

- \*Severe headache, backache or both

- \*Pain behind your eyes

- \*Severe joint and muscle pain

- \*Nausea and vomiting

- \*Sign and symptoms usually begin about four to seven days after being bitten by a mosquito carrying a dengue virus.

Mild dengue fever rarely causes death, and your symptoms will usually subside within a week after starting.

Modern supportive hospital care decreases this risk.

When to see a doctor

If you have any signs or symptoms of dengue fever, see your doctor. If you've recently traveled to a region in which the disease is known to occur, be sure to inform your

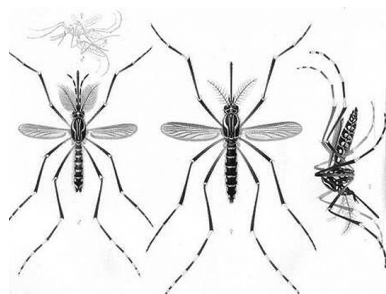
fever — can cause signs and symptoms of dengue fever plus:

- \*Significant damage to your blood and lymph vessels

- \*A decrease in the number of blood cells that help your blood clot (platelets)

- \*Bleeding from the nose and mouth

- \*Bleeding under the skin,



The Aedes aegypti mosquito

which gives the appearance of bruising

- \*Death

#### Dengue shock syndrome

— the most severe form of the disease — may cause signs and symptoms of mild dengue fever plus:

- \*Severe abdominal pain

- \*Frequent vomiting

- \*Disorientation

- \*Fluid (plasma) leakage from blood vessels

- \*Heavy bleeding

- \*A sudden drop in blood pressure (shock)

- \*Death

Severe signs and symptoms may appear after your fever has improved. In a small number of cases, people with a severe form of the disease die of it. Modern supportive hospital care decreases this risk.

When to see a doctor

If you have any signs or symptoms of dengue fever, see your doctor. If you've recently traveled to a region in which the disease is known to occur, be sure to inform your

doctor.

#### Causes

Dengue fever is caused by any one of four dengue viruses spread by the Aedes aegypti mosquito. These mosquitoes thrive in and near human habitations, where they breed in even the cleanest water.

Mosquitoes transmit the virus back and forth between humans.

You can become infected with dengue fever more than once. This happens when you're exposed to a different one of the four dengue viruses from the one to which you were previously exposed. Infection a second time is typically what causes the more severe form of the disease — dengue hemorrhagic fever.

#### Risk factors

Factors that put you at greater risk of developing dengue fever or a more severe form of the disease include:

- \*Living or traveling in tropical areas. Dengue virus transmission occurs year-round, although the risk is highest during a recognized dengue fever outbreak.

- \*Prior infection with a dengue fever virus. Previous infection with a dengue fever virus increases your risk of a more severe form of the disease. This is especially true for children.

#### Complications

Most people with dengue fever recover within five to 14 days. Some, particularly adults, may feel listless, tired and even depressed for several weeks to months after being infected.

If severe, dengue fever can lead to dengue hemorrhagic fever and dengue shock syndrome, those who survive may experience liver, blood vessel and brain damage, as well as seizures

## UN: China hospitals deny help to HIV/AIDS patients

BEIJING, China (AFP) —

People living with HIV/AIDS in China are routinely denied medical treatment in hospitals, a UN agency said, in a sign of ongoing discrimination despite recent progress.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) uncovered HIV-related discrimination in China's hospitals and clinics via interviews with more than 100 people living with HIV, and 23 hospital managers and healthcare workers.

One 37-year-old man living with HIV -- the virus that causes AIDS -- from the northern province of Shaanxi said he had huge difficulties getting treatment when he found a lump in his stomach.

"Each hospital advised that I should be hospitalised immediately for surgery, but when they heard that I was HIV-positive, none were willing to accept me. They asked me to go to the infectious diseases hospital," he was quoted as saying.

"That hospital did not agree to let me use the operating theatre. They said if other patients knew that an HIV person had used the operating theatre, it would badly influence the hospital's reputation."

According to Chinese authorities, at least 740,000 people have HIV/AIDS in the country, out of a total population of 1.3 billion, although advocates for patients believe the real figure could be much higher.

Those living with HIV/AIDS have long faced discrimination, but there has been progress as the government has started talking more openly about HIV prevention and control.

Hospitals in China are also primarily driven by profit, and the report said hospital management was sometimes worried that prospective patients would go elsewhere if they knew the hospital provided services for people with HIV.

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# “Divi Resorts with their General Employees Meeting for the First Quarter of 2011”



The Human Resources Department from the chain of Hotels of the Divi Resorts organized their General Meeting last Friday in order to acknowledge their employees and supervisors who were nominated for the First Quarter of 2011 and also the employees who were celebrating their anniversaries with the companies.

The afternoon started off with the presentation of the Nominees for Employee and Supervisor of the First Quarter of Divi & Tamarijn Aruba Beach Resorts: Jonathan Martinus from Tamarijn F&B AM, Roland Trimon from Divi Engineering, Susana Penijn from Tamarijn Housekeeping, Helene Lamontagne from Tamarijn Kitchen and the nominee and winner was Yvonne Baptiste from Divi Housekeeping.

The Nominees for the Supervisor of the First Quarter were: Andrea Davis from

Tamarijn Housekeeping and the nominee and winner was Nelson Koeiman from Tamarijn F&B AM.

The Nominees for Employee of the First Quarter of Divi/Dutch Village were: Sheeba Sheikh from F&B, Roxana Vorst from Front Office, Rafael Cardenas from Housekeeping Dutch Village, Gloria Defoe from Activities, Rony Merveille from Landscaping, Janeth Poterson from Housekeeping Divi Village and the nominee and winner was Manuel Chalgut from Engineering.

The Nominees for Supervisor of the First Quarter were: Justina Granda from Housekeeping, Javish Maduro from Engineering, Flaubert Romeus from Kitchen and the nominee and winner was Jeliska Giel from Front Office.

The nominees for Employee of the First Quarter for

The Links at Divi Aruba were: Susanne Tromp from F&B Mulligans Restaurant, Geraldine Cabrera from Kitchen, Annemarie Jansen from F&B Windows Restaurant, Dominador Torres from Landscaping and the nominee and winner was Rolando Macabulos from Outside Operations.

The afternoon then continued with the presentation of the employees who were celebrating their different anniversaries with the companies.

Celebrating their 5th Anniversary were: Marvin Moore from Divi F&B PM, Ricardo Chin Njet Thing from Tamarijn Laundry, Rony Merveille from Divi Village Landscaping, Humraj Ramsaran from Divi Village Engineering, Hilda Dania from Divi Village Housekeeping, Ann Rose Joseph from Dutch Village Housekeeping, Julian Heredia from Golf Landscaping, Yanel Olivero from Golf Operations, Osni de Oliveira from D.A.S.C. Marketing, Luisa Meulens from D.A.S.C. Admin. and Anouska Holiger from D.A.S.C. Admin.

Celebrating their 10th Anniversary were: Juan Flanegin from Divi F&B PM, Maria Werleman from Divi F&B PM, Donna Douglas from D.A.S.C. Admin., Hilda Helmen from D.A.S.C. Admin. and Mary Morris from D.A.S.C. Admin.

Celebrating their 20th Anniversary were: Laura Quintero from Tamarijn Kitchen



and Yolanda Gomez from Divi F&B PM and Elside Pietersz from Accounting.

Celebrating their 25th Anniversary were: Erminda Benjamin from Tamarijn Kitchen and Edwin Simileer from Tamarijn Bar.

Celebrating their 30th Anniversary were: Sandra Oduber from Tamarijn Housekeeping, Velicia Pierre Louis from Tamarijn Kitchen and Allan Thomson from Divi Bar.

And celebrating their momentous 35th Anniversary were: Rolando Boezem from

Divi F&B PM and Elside Pietersz from Accounting.

A congratulations goes out to all the nominees and winners for this year's First Quarter and also to the employees celebrating their different anniversaries.

The chain of Hotels of Divi Resorts would like to thank all the nominees and winners for their hard work and the employees celebrating their anniversaries for their dedication during the years.

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## “Going for the Gold in Greece 2011!” Final Fundraising Radio-telethon for Special Olympics Aruba at Paseo Herencia June 5

A concerted effort by various island media in collaboration with Paseo Herencia Mall will take place on Sunday, June 5 in their Plaza Padu in Palm Beach, to raise the necessary funds to send a delegation of special athletes to the World Summer Games 2011, in Athens, Greece.

Special Olympics Committee Aruba has a delegation of 17 special athletes training hard to prepare to compete in 7 sport disciplines. In 2007, they participated in the Summer Games in Shanghai, China, to bring home 5 gold medals, 4 silver and 14 bronze. Aruba's special athletes are training hard and determined to do just as well, as they compete with 8,000 athletes from 172 nations for the pride and



honor of Aruba.

A substantial sum is still needed to send the athletes on their way on June 17, and 24ora.com, cable channel 49, Cool FM radio and other media will be broadcasting live on both radio and television from Paseo Herencia during

this final fundraising radio-telethon from 3:00 to 9:00 PM.

Paseo Herencia will be hosting a fun day for all the family, with dino jump and other great activities, while shops will offer bargains and there will be booths with snacks and refreshments. The

center stage will feature entertainment by Pachanga and Chaz Dancers, King Bottle, Mark Gonzalez, Rincon Boyz, Grupo di Gospel, Grupo di Betico, El Duque, Victor Samuel, Francis Jacobs, and many more.

Digicel Mobile Providers, a major sponsor of special athletes worldwide, is providing 3 call-in numbers for donations for the duration of the event. They are: 744-7966, 744-7969 and 744-7968.

Special Olympics Committee Aruba is also conducting a raffle; the drawing will be during the radio telethon. Grand

prize is a weekend for two in Bonaire including hotel and airfare, courtesy of Tiara Air and Divi Resorts. Other prizes include weekend stays at the Westin Aruba Resort, dinners for two, an All Access Pass for the 2nd Annual Aruba International Film Festival, tickets for two to the red carpet event and after party of the showcase premiere, various gift certificates and prizes from the vendors at Paseo Herencia, plus much more! Raffle tickets are only 5 Aruban florins are on sale through Special Olympics Committee members and at Paseo Herencia on certain nights of the week. Call Committee Chairman Arturo Werleman at 730-0414, Netty Williams at 742-6605, Elvira Tromp at 568-6155 or 743-1832 and Rosalie Klein at 593-6462, to purchase large quantities.

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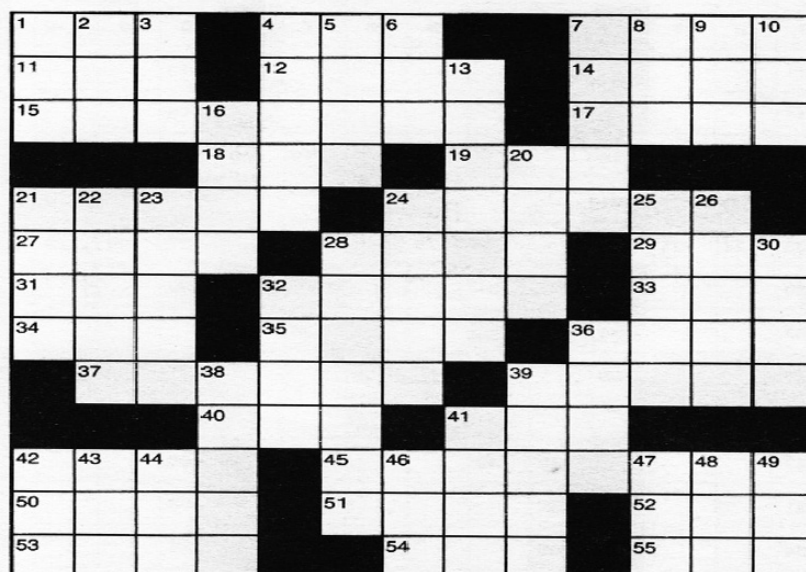
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## ACROSS

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4. Sis, for one
7. Yuppie cars
11. Pay court
12. Son of Isaac
14. Hockey rink shape
15. Alluring
17. Nashville entertainment
18. Muffler mangler
19. Pounds (abbr.)
21. Shred
24. Gap
27. Paydirt contents
28. For both sexes
29. Overacting actor
31. Home-office locale
32. "Hack" star David
33. Water between the U.S. and Eur.
34. Visualize
35. Cousin's mother
36. Double
37. Actor Hickman of "Dobie Gillis"
39. He created Eeyore
40. Fabled bird
41. "\_\_\_ whillikers!"
42. Native of Bangkok

## DOWN

1. "Over There" conflict (abbr.)
2. Charged particle
3. Fall mo.
4. Framed (2 wds.)
5. "Who \_\_\_?" (2 wds.)
6. Suppress
7. Climber's aid
8. Best on a
9. Card game for kids
10. Crafty
13. Least attractive
16. Nest eggs (abbr.)
20. Invited
21. Repairs lawns
22. System of belief
23. Renovate
24. Opera's Marilyn
25. Truck rental company (hyph.)
26. Lucifer
28. \_\_\_ Bluffs, Iowa
30. Parisian girl (abbr.)
32. Bread spread,



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36. Conked out
38. Leave bed
39. Fixes
41. Hindu teacher
42. Three (Ital.)
43. Start of a cheer
44. Grow old
46. Scold continually
47. Gray shade
48. "In \_\_\_ beginning..."
49. Sight organ

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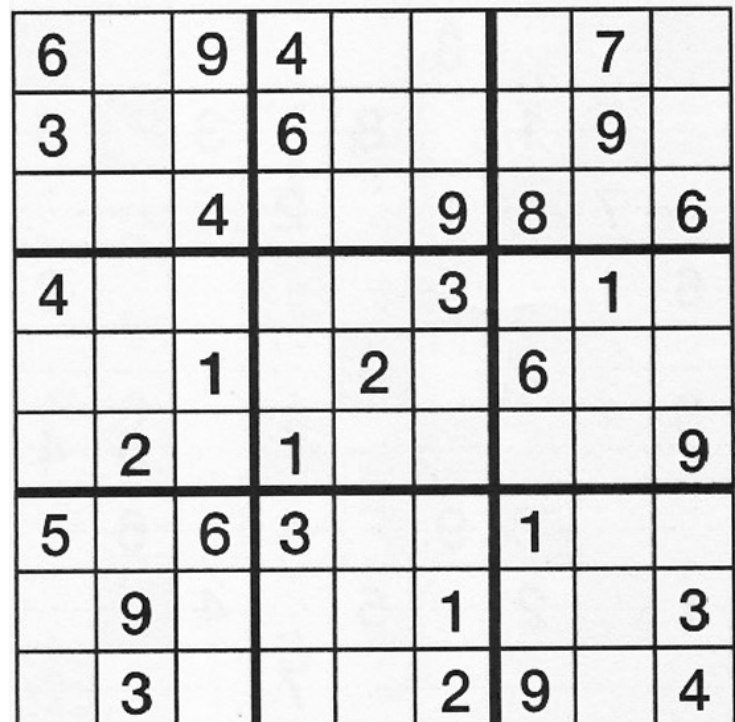
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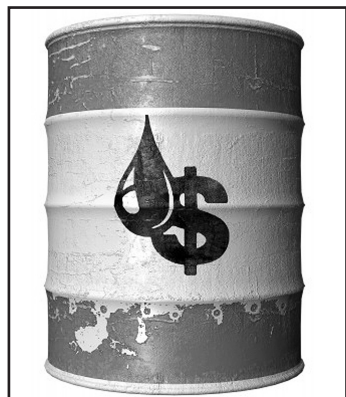
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## Finance



Athens, Greece : A man begs in central Athens on May 18, 2011. The IMF warned Greece that its halting economic recovery will derail without rapid extra reforms as EU officials quibbled over how to address Athens' huge debt.  
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## New York crude tops \$100 on weak dollar



NEW YORK, (AFP) - New York oil prices surged above \$100 a barrel Wednesday, lifted by a weak dollar and an unexpected stabilization in US crude stockpiles.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for June, soared \$3.19 to close at \$100.10 a barrel, topping the \$100 threshold for the first time since Friday.

In London, Brent North

Sea crude for delivery in July leaped \$2.31 to \$112.30 a barrel.

"Commodities all around are being bought," said Tom Bentz at BNP Paribas.

Prices spiraled upward after the US government's Department of Energy (DoE) announced on Wednesday that American crude stockpiles had failed to rise as expected in the week ending May 13.

Stockpiles steadied last week, bucking forecasts for a rise of 700,000 barrels, according to analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires.

"By no means is it bullish but the market takes it as somewhat supportive," Bentz said.

The dollar weakened, making dollar-priced commodities more attractive to buyers.

## US presses green growth in Asia

BIG SKY, Montana (AFP) - Warning that the era of cheap fuel was over, the United States on Wednesday called for Pacific Rim economies to knock down trade barriers to spur growth in clean energy.

President Barack Obama's administration, which faces domestic opposition on climate change, is putting a high priority on the environment as the United States this year chairs the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

Meeting senior APEC trade officials at the snow-covered ski resort of Big Sky, Montana, Commerce Secretary Gary Locke said that millions of green jobs are waiting to be created from the factory floor to the construction sector.

"In the next few decades, world economies will need to rebuild and reinvent virtually every industrial activity -- from power generation and transportation to manufactur-



ing and construction -- all to succeed in an energy environment that looks drastically different from the one that we're used to," Locke said.

"For well over 100 years, much of the world enjoyed two luxuries that helped propel the greatest burst of sustained economic growth in human history.

"Fossil fuels were cheap and abundant. And number two: we either didn't know about or didn't care about impact to our planet from greenhouse gas emissions caused by burning those fuels," he said. "Those days are over."

But Locke said that clean energy needed entrepreneurs -- and that the Asia-Pacific re-

gion had too many barriers to trade.

He pointed to US concerns about lack of protection for intellectual property, along with transportation costs, customs clearance delays and lack of access to financing.

APEC includes rising powers in clean energy including China, which has surpassed the United States as the top investor in green technology even as its carbon emissions keep soaring forward.

Obama's rivals in the Republican Party gained ground in congressional elections last year and are deeply suspicious about action on climate change, with many saying that it would prove too costly at a time of high oil prices and unemployment.

Locke said that clean jobs were real and criticized those who are "deriding green jobs as little more than a marketing tool contrived by environmentalists."

## EU warns against bluefin tuna fishing in Libya waters



BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - The European Commission on Wednesday warned against fishing bluefin tuna in Libyan waters or buying it from Libyan-flagged ships, which are likely to be catching the endangered fish illegally.

Tripoli has allowed fishing in its waters for the upcoming trawling season, despite the conflict and its plans not having been approved by an international organisation that monitors tuna catches in the Mediterranean.

With no international observers aboard Libyan vessels to document the catches,

therefore "bluefin tuna caught by the Libyan fleet will be well on track to be deemed illegal," said EU fisheries commissioner Maria Damanaki.

European Union law prohibits the trade, landing, import, export, and transshipment of bluefin tuna without proper documentation, she said.

"I therefore urged EU Ministers to monitor the fishing activities of these vessels," Damanaki said in a letter to fisheries ministers from the 27-nation EU, adding that no EU boats will fish in Libyan waters.

Industrial trawling of Mediterranean tuna, prized in sushi, unfolds during a specific season, running from May 15 to June 15.

The quotas are allotted by the International Commission

for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) under a 48-nation agreement which covers the eastern Atlantic as well as the Mediterranean.

After a fierce 10-day debate last November, ICATT members set an overall catch level for 2011 of 12,900 tonnes, barely unchanged from 13,500 tonnes in 2010. Libya's share this year is 902 tonnes.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Seeing the popularity of this quaint small eatery, THE MORNING NEWS decided it was time to find out just how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste testers.

Olgita, joined by her two kids ordered a little of everything while the kids roamed around freely, enjoying the afternoon.

The meal started out with Linda's original plain – to die for – Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese.

Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

The team had this to say: "Superb! There are no words to describe just how delicious the pancakes are and the pizza is just mmm... good. The saté... out of this world!"

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## Beyonce, Madonna honor Oprah in farewell shows

CHICAGO (AFP) — The stars came out to honor Oprah Winfrey in a pair of spectacular farewell shows taped in front of 13,000 ecstatic fans as the talk show queen wraps up her 25th and final season.

Tom Hanks served as host and cheerleader for the evening, telling Winfrey: "Tonight you are surrounded by nothing but love" and thanking "a friend who had a classroom of millions" for everything she's done for her viewers.

Much was said about Winfrey's charity work, but even more was said about how she inspired her fans to lead better lives and help others.

"It's no secret that millions of people are inspired by Oprah," a gushing Madonna told the crowd.

"She's a self-made woman who's been at the top of her game for over 25 years and she is still kicking ass and encouraging people to dream big, to work hard, to read a book, to ask questions, to get an education no matter who you are or where you come from."

The two shows -- which



**Oprah becomes emotional as Kristin Chenoweth performs surrounded by graduates of Moorehouse College**

will air Monday and Tuesday ahead of the final episode Wednesday -- were filled with surprises for Winfrey, who was brought to tears again and again.

Winfrey could do little more than shout "MJ is in the house!" when Chicago Bulls basketball legend Michael Jordan returned to Chicago's United Center arena to join her on stage.

She was also overwhelmed when Jaime Foxx serenaded her with "Isn't she lovely" and Stevie Wonder rose up from

under the stage at the keys of a grand piano with a new song he'd written for her.

And she sat stunned as esteemed poet and personal mentor Maya Angelou told the story of Winfrey's life while Alicia Keys accompanied her on the piano.

"I'm just trying to stay inside my body, girls," Winfrey told her friends Gayle King and Maria Shriver as the tribute-filled show approached its emotional conclusion.

Dakota Fanning led a group of young "ultimate viewers" -

- including one who thanked Winfrey for helping to "lift the shame of being abused and taught me it wasn't my fault."

"We call ourselves Oprah show babies. Your voice has been the soundtrack of our lives," Fanning said.

"We've learned from the Oprah show that we are enough. That we matter, that our lives are of value."

Beyonce stunned the crowd with a rousing performance of her female empowerment anthem "Run the World (Girls)."

Jerry Seinfeld got the audience laughing by thanking Oprah for teaching men how to be better husbands and how to survive disagreements by learning to talk as if they're on Oprah: "Just listen, nod and answer the question."

Will Smith hosted the second show with his wife Jada Pinkett Smith, who told Winfrey that, while she doesn't have children of her own, "you have mothered millions" and "that puts you in the status of a goddess."

Aretha Franklin, Usher, Josh Groban, Patti LaBelle, Rascal Flatts and Broadway star Kristin Chenoweth also put in

rousing performances. Halle Barry, Katie Holmes and Queen Latifah were among the stars to pay tribute.

Winfrey's devoted fans may be losing a beloved afternoon companion, but they certainly won't have to say goodbye.

The cultural kingmaker -- whose comfy couches have launched scores of careers from Dr. Phil to the inventors of her "favorite things" -- expanded her media empire January 1 with the high-stakes launch of her OWN cable network.

The network -- a partnership between Winfrey's Harpo Productions and Discovery Networks -- will offer 600 hours of original fare in its first year along with movies, re-runs of the Dr. Phil show and several shows previously aired on Discovery Health.

The first national episode of the Oprah Winfrey Show aired on ABC on September 8, 1986, and Wednesday's finale will be episode number 4,561.

An estimated 40 million Americans watch the show each week, which is distributed in 150 countries.



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## Aruban Edward John Marchena our own "Iron Man"



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Edward John celebrating with his family



E.J.'s fan-club

He has been training for the past two years bringing his body into top condition. But during the last 4 months he intensified all effort to compete in the Sunday, May 15th "Florida Iron Man 70.3" which took place in Orlando, Florida. The 27 year old Ed-

ward John Marchena together with family, friends and fans formed his "Team EJ #1363" and left for the United States.

The group rose at the dawn of 4:00 am to be able to get to the site on time to accompany E.J., as he is affectionately known, for the special event

that he prepared so hard for. The event for which he had prepared so diligently was the "Florida Iron Man 70.3" which entails a 2 kilometers swim, a 90 kilometers sprint on a bicycle and a 21 kilometers foot run. Anyone who completes this feat will be considered an Iron Man.

This was E.J.'s first time to participate in such a competition. By any standard, this is a significant event, especially considering that there are 2200 other contenders vying to complete the same feat. Edward John Marchena was the only Aruban to participate. In the past there were other Arubans who also accomplished the task.

Edward John remarked that he challenged himself for his own satisfaction to participate and to try to win. He dedicated his participation to his aunt, Diana Pardo, who passed away some years ago.

E. J. received the help and coaching of many friends, some of whom were swimming coaches and fitness coaches. Many tips were learned from friends who had attempted this feat at previous events.

Parents, Eddy and Stella Marchena and his sister Vanessa Marchena...and all of Aruba are extremely proud of Edward John Marchena and his new title of "Iron Man," Pabien E.J.!



## Shane Warne fined \$50,000 for IPL bust-up



NEW DELHI, India (AFP) — The Indian cricket board on Wednesday slapped a \$50,000 fine on soon-to-retire bowling legend Shane Warne over a bust-up between the Australian and an official during this season's IPL.

The punishment casts a cloud over Warne's last game of professional cricket on Friday when his Rajasthan Royals team take on the Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League.

The leg-spin maestro, captain of the Rajasthan team, was involved in an angry exchange with Sanjay Dixit, secretary of the Rajasthan state cricket association, following his team's defeat at home last week.

Warne was furious about his team being asked to play on a different wicket than one used in previous games, but he later apologised for "any distress" his action may have caused.

After a complaint by the Rajasthan cricket association, Warne and Dixit were summoned for a hearing before a disciplinary commission comprising IPL chairman Chirayu

Amin and former player Ravi Shastri.

"The commission has decided to impose a fine of US\$50,000 upon Mr Warne," the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which runs Indian cricket, said in a statement.

It said the disciplinary commission "regards the public criticism of Mr Dixit as being a serious breach by Mr Warne of his IPL playing contract".

"However, at the same time, the commission also recognises that Mr Warne has apologised to Mr Dixit, and that the incident occurred just after the match.

"In addition, the commission is cognisant of the contribution to the game of cricket in general, and to the Indian Premier League, which has been made by Mr Warne."

The 41-year-old touched off controversy when he hinted at a conspiracy over the selection of a new wicket for a home match against Chennai Super Kings which Rajasthan's spin-heavy attack struggled to bowl on.



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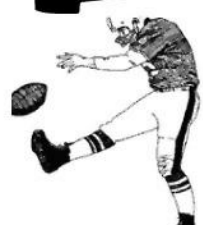
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### American League

| East       | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| TAMPA      | 24 | 17 | .585 | --  |
| NY YANKEES | 20 | 19 | .513 | 3.0 |
| TORONTO    | 21 | 20 | .512 | 3.0 |
| BOSTON     | 21 | 20 | .512 | 3.0 |
| BALTIMORE  | 19 | 21 | .475 | 4.5 |

### Central

|             |    |    |      |      |
|-------------|----|----|------|------|
| CLEVELAND   | 25 | 13 | .658 | --   |
| DETROIT     | 22 | 19 | .537 | 4.5  |
| KANSAS CITY | 20 | 20 | .500 | 6.0  |
| CHICAGO     | 17 | 25 | .405 | 10.  |
| MINNESOTA   | 12 | 27 | .308 | 13.5 |

### West

|            |    |    |      |     |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| TEXAS      | 22 | 19 | .537 | --  |
| LA ANGELES | 22 | 20 | .524 | 0.5 |
| OAKLAND    | 21 | 20 | .512 | 1.0 |
| SEATTLE    | 17 | 23 | .425 | 4.5 |

### National League

#### East

|              |    |    |      |     |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| PHILADELPHIA | 25 | 15 | .625 | --  |
| FLORIDA      | 24 | 16 | .600 | 1.0 |
| ATLANTA      | 24 | 19 | .558 | 2.5 |
| WASHINGTON   | 20 | 21 | .488 | 6.5 |
| NY METS      | 19 | 22 | .463 | 6.5 |

#### Central

|            |    |    |      |     |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| CINCINNATI | 24 | 17 | .585 | --  |
| ST. LOUIS  | 23 | 19 | .548 | 1.5 |
| MILWAUKEE  | 20 | 21 | .488 | 4.0 |
| PITTSBURG  | 18 | 23 | .439 | 6.0 |
| CHICAGO    | 17 | 22 | .436 | 6.0 |
| HOUSTON    | 15 | 26 | .366 | 9.0 |

#### West

|               |    |    |      |     |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| SAN FRANCISCO | 22 | 18 | .550 | --  |
| COLORADO      | 21 | 18 | .538 | 0.5 |
| LA DODGERS    | 19 | 23 | .452 | 4.0 |
| SAN DIEGO     | 18 | 23 | .439 | 4.5 |
| ARIZONA       | 17 | 23 | .425 | 5.0 |

## France awarded 2018 Ryder Cup as Spain miss out



French golfers Thomas Levet (L) and Jean Van De Velde (R) kiss the Ryder Cup trophy after the French won the right to host the 2018 Ryder Cup tournament.

VIRGINIA WATER (AFP) - France won the right to host the 2018 Ryder Cup here Tuesday, triumphing despite emotional appeals for the event to be awarded to Spain in tribute to Seve Ballesteros.

France's bid, which centres on Le Golf National course outside Paris, successfully beat out rival bids from venues in Germany, Portugal, the Netherlands and Spain.

French bid officials burst into applause as European Tour chief executive George O'Grady confirmed their victory by a "clear but narrow margin" in an announcement at Wentworth Golf Club outside London.

The 2018 event will be only the second Ryder Cup ever held on continental Europe following its staging in Valderrama, Spain in 1997, when Ballesteros masterminded a dramatic victory over the United States.

The next Ryder Cup will be held outside Chicago, Illinois next year before the event goes to Gleneagles, Scotland in 2014.

## Robert Pires linked to MLS move



LONDON (AFP) - Thierry Henry has urged former Arsenal and France team-mate Robert Pires to follow in his footsteps and join him in Major League Soccer next year, it was reported on Wednesday.

Aston Villa midfielder Pires,

## Bruins edge Lightning to level playoff series

BOSTON, Massachusetts (AFP) - Tyler Seguin and Michael Ryder each scored twice during a five-goal splurge in the second period that powered Boston to a 6-5 National Hockey League playoff victory over Tampa Bay.

The triumph pulled the Bruins level with Tampa Bay at 1-1 in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference championship series and snapped an eight-game Lightning playoff win streak.

The eventual winner will face either Vancouver or San Jose in the NHL's Stanley Cup Final.

The series now shifts to Florida for games today and Saturday.

Tampa Bay's Adam Hall opened the scoring after only 13 seconds but the Bruins equalized with 6:02 remaining in the first period on a power-play goal by Nathan Horton.

The Lightning regained the lead with seven seconds remaining in the first period.

But Seguin, a 19-year-old

rookie playmaker who was selected second overall in last year's NHL Draft, pulled the Bruins level again after only 48 seconds of the second period.

## Falcao fires Porto to Europa League glory

DUBLIN (AFP) - Falcao fired Porto to Europa League glory as the Colombia striker capped a remarkable campaign by clinching his side's 1-0 win over Braga in the all-Portuguese final in Dublin on Wednesday.

Andre Villas-Boas' side arrived at the Aviva Stadium already crowned as Portuguese champions after a record-breaking domestic season and Falcao's latest heroics brought them an even greater prize.

It was fitting that Falcao's superb header just before half-time proved the decisive moment as he had smashed Jurgen Klinsmann's record for most goals in a Europa League campaign earlier in the tournament.

While Falcao's name is now firmly etched in the tournament's history books, it may be that winning the Europa League is only the start of an even more memorable career for Villas-Boas.

At 33 years old, he is the youngest coach to win a UEFA club competition and he has already surpassed some of the formidable achievements of his mentor Jose Mourinho - the last manager to win this tournament for Porto back in 2003 when Villas-Boas worked as the club's opposition scout.

Since taking charge of Porto last year, Villas-Boas has enjoyed a meteoric rise and he will finish the season with a treble if his team beat Vitoria Guimaraes in the Portuguese Cup final on Sunday.

37, told The Birmingham Mail that Henry, who plays for the New York Red Bulls, had encouraged him to seek a move to the United States.

Pires joined Villa on a short-term contract earlier this year which runs until July. The French World Cup winner said he was open to remaining with Villa in the Premier League.

"I've not yet had talks with Villa about staying here after July (when his contract runs out)," he said.

"But I will still play football even if it is not at Aston Villa. If it is not at Villa, I will look for somewhere different."



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## Olympics: 2012 torch relay route unveiled



Sebastien Coe, chair of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games, (L) and British WBA heavyweight boxing champion, David Haye (R) pose for photographers in central London with a map showing the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay route.

LONDON (AFP) - The torch relay before the 2012 London Olympics will start in Land's End and travel as far as the outer reaches of Scotland on an 8,000-mile (12,875-kilometre) journey, organisers said Wednesday.

The Olympic flame will arrive from Greece on May 18, 2012 and the relay will get under way on the westerly tip of mainland Britain and continue for 70 days until the opening ceremony of the Games on July 27, 2012.

There will be no international relay after the chaos caused by human rights pro-

testers demonstrating against China's hosting of the 2008 Games, although the relay may incorporate a stop in Dublin.

The first torch relay was introduced at the modern Olympics ahead of the infamous 1936 Berlin Games where, after being lit in Greece, the flame was carried by 3,331 runners over 12 days to the German capital.

The first global torch relay was held in 2004 ahead of the Athens Games, where the flame was carried around the world before eventually arriving back in the Greek capital.

## Nowitzki leads Mavericks past Thunder

DALLAS, Texas (AFP) - Dirk Nowitzki scored 48 points and set an NBA record with a 24-for-24 free throw shooting performance to power Dallas over Oklahoma City 121-112 in the opener of their NBA playoff series.

German playmaker Nowitzki went 12-of-15 from the field and sank the most free throws without a miss in a playoff game in NBA history as the Mavericks seized the lead in their best-of-seven Western Conference championship series.

"I was really looking to shoot early," Nowitzki said. "I was able to get my rhythm, make my first couple shots and really got going."

Nowitzki, seeking his first NBA title, staged a shooting clinic as well as swatting aside four shots in a spectacular effort, breaking the perfect playoff free throw mark of 21 set by Boston's Paul Pierce in 2008.

"He played great," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "Dirk spends a lot of time working on his game and keeping himself ready. He got going early, did a good job of mixing his drives with his jump shots."

Oklahoma City used six different players against Nowitzki to no avail.

Showing no sign of problems after a nine-day layoff since ousting the reigning champion Los Angeles Lakers, the Mavericks won their seventh playoff game in a row by holding off a determined Thunder squad down the stretch.

NBA scoring champion Kevin Durant, the top playmaker on the NBA's youngest squad, scored 40



Dirk Nowitzki of the Dallas Mavericks has the ball as Russell Westbrook of the Oklahoma City Thunder goes for a steal in the fourth quarter in Game One of the Western Conference Finals

points while Russell Westbrook added 20 points despite 3-for-15 shooting from the field and Serge Ibaka contributed 17.

"Westbrook had a very

sub-par game," Carlisle said. "We did some good things against him but I think he had a sub-par game."

Game 2 is tonight in Dallas.

## Cavaliers claim top pick in NBA Draft Lottery

SEACAUCUS, New Jersey (AFP) - The Cleveland Cavaliers, who lost 2003 NBA Draft top pick LeBron James to free agency 10 months ago, have won the NBA Draft Lottery to claim the top selection in next month's draft.

With a pick obtained from the Los Angeles Clippers that had only a 2.8 percent chance of landing the top spot, the struggling Cavaliers claimed the top pick and will make their own choice fourth overall.

"I am very excited for the fans of Cleveland, who have been through a very, very rough year," Cavaliers owner

Dan Gilbert said. "They deserve it more than anybody and they have some good hope now."

The Cavaliers faded from a 61-21 title contender to a 19-63 season after James, who played seven seasons near his Ohio hometown of Akron, departed for the Miami Heat to unite with fellow stars Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh.

Gilbert vowed after James made his departure that the Cavaliers would win a title before the NBA Most Valuable Player who turned his back on Cleveland.

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